

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Beastiality.mov

Other known title(s): Video 2

OFLC ref: 2000163.001

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 23 July 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 23 July 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Beastiality.mov	0:18
Total running time:		0:18

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. It is obviously intended to be sexually arousing to those who have an interest in sexual activity with animals, or in women involved in sexual acts with animals and normalises and encourages this interest. Therefore the video promotes and supports bestiality. The digital format means that it can be easily shared among likeminded people and the website branding on the video indicates that this has already happened. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.